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(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that the rehabilitation scheme has also been sanctioned by the Board on 1.12.2000;

(b) BIFR has further reported that the total cost of the scheme would be Rs. 491.01 crores including waiver on the part of the Institutions, Banks and other Agencies aggregating to Rs. 192.91 crores. It will be implemented over a period of six years during 2000-2006;

(c) to (e) The rehabilitation scheme has reportedly, been sanctioned after considering all aspects under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

Expenditure on subsidies

[†]3412. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State:

(a) whether amount to the tune of Rs. 23,000 crores is spent on subsidies out of the total receipts of the Indian Budget; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of people who are beneficiaries of these subsidies;

(c) whether any proper survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) what plans Government are making to stop the grabbing of benefit by the middlemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The total expenditure on subsidies is budgeted at Rs. 29801 crore in 2001-2002 compared with Rs. 26949 crore as per the revised estimates for

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

2000-2001. The details of subsidies are given in the Statement attached (*See below*).

(b) to (d) Subsidies cover a wide range of beneficiaries. While no proper survey of beneficiaries of subsidies under various subsidy schemes has been undertaken, it is the constant endeavour of the government to rationalise and economised on the cost of operating the system of subsidies and to ensure that subsidies reach the targeted beneficiaries.

Statement

Details of Subsidies

(In crores of Rupees)

	Actuals 1992-93	Actuals 1993-94	Actuals 1994-95	Actuals 1995-96	Actuals 1996-97	Actuals 1997-98	Actuals 1998-99	Actuals 1999- 2000	Revised 2000- 2001	Budget 2001- 2002
A. Major Subsidies	8596	10099	10869	12112	13644	17818	20696	22898	25925	27845
1 Food (including Sugar)	2800	5537	5100	5377	6066	7900	9100	9435	12125	13675
2 Indigenous (Urea) Fertiliser	4800	3800	4075	4300	4743	6600	7473	8670	9480	7956
3 Imported (Urea) Fertiliser	996	762	1166	1935	1163	722	333	293	1	500
4 Sale of decontrolled fertiliser with concession to farmers	...	...	528	500	1672	2596	3790	4500	4319	5714
B. Other Subsidies	2228	1506	985	554	1855	722	2897	1808	1024	1956
5 Import/Export of sugar Edible Oils etc.	...	...	...	100	...	20	105	50	40	50
6 Interest Subsidies	113	113	76	34	1222	78	1434	1371	121	143
7 Assistance for fertilizer promotion	340	517	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8 Debt relief to farmers	1500	500	341	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9 Other Subsidies	275	376	568	420	633	624	1358	387	863	1763
Total Subsidies	10824	11605	11854	12666	15499	18540	23593	24706	26949	29801